



Louisiana Department of Revenue

Louisiana Consumer Use Tax

Use tax is the counterpart of sales tax. It is applied when merchandise is purchased outside of Louisiana for use inside the State.

The Louisiana use tax was enacted in 1934 to prevent retailers located out-of-state from having an unfair competitive advantage against in-state retailers who have to charge the sales tax. Individuals in Louisiana are responsible for paying use tax on an out-of-state purchase when the item purchased is subject to the Louisiana sales tax and the retailer making the sale does not collect sales tax on the sale. Items that are subject to sales tax include computers and other electronic equipment, canned software, books, audio and video tapes, compact discs, records, clothing, appliances, furniture and other home furnishings, sporting goods, jewelry, and etc. Out-of-state retailers include mail-order companies, television shopping networks, firms selling over the internet, and retailers located outside Louisiana.

The Louisiana use tax is calculated at the rate of 8%. This 8% rate, which includes 4% to be distributed by the Department of Revenue to local governments, is in lieu of the actual local rate in effect in your area, and is payable regardless of whether the actual combined state and local rate in your area is equal to, higher than, or lower than 8%.

To calculate your Louisiana use tax, complete one of the Use Tax Worksheets below. Complete Worksheet 1 if you kept records of all of your out-of-state purchases. Complete Worksheet 2 if you did not keep records of all of your out-of-state purchases. If you believe the estimate from the table is too low or too high for your out-of-state purchases, you may estimate what you think you owe.

Use Tax Worksheet 1 Taxpayers Who Have Records of All Out-of-State Purchases

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| 1. Enter the total amount of out-of-state purchases | 1. _____ |
| 2. Tax Rate (8%) | 2. _____ X .08 |
| 3. Use Tax Due, multiply Line 1 by Line 2. (Enter this amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar, on Form IT-540 or IT-540B) | 3. _____ |

Use Tax Worksheet 2 Taxpayers Who Do Not Have Records of All Out-of-State Purchases

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| 1. Louisiana taxable income (shown on Form IT-540 or IT-540B) | 1. _____ |
| 2. See the Use Tax Table on the following page to estimate the use tax due based on your Louisiana taxable income shown above. (Enter this amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar, on Form IT-540 or IT-540B) | 2. _____ |

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Use Tax Table		
LA Taxable Income (Form IT-540 or IT-540B)		
<u>At Least</u>	<u>But Less Than</u>	<u>Use Tax Amount</u>
0	3,999	2
4,000	5,999	4
6,000	7,999	5
8,000	9,999	6
10,000	11,999	7
12,000	14,999	9
15,000	17,999	11
18,000	20,999	13
21,000	24,999	15
25,000	29,999	18
30,000	34,999	21
35,000	39,999	24
40,000	44,999	27
45,000	49,999	30
50,000	59,999	36
60,000	69,999	42
70,000	79,999	48
80,000	89,999	54
90,000	99,000	59
100,000	124,999	75
125,000	149,999	90
150,000	174,999	105
175,000	199,999	120
200,000	249,999	150
250,000	299,999	180
300,000	399,999	240
400,000	499,999	300
500,000	749,999	450
750,000	999,999	600
1,000,000 and over		Multiply LA Taxable Income by .06% (.0006)

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